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Daniel, with the help of Sheriff Banks, made it inside a secret vault beneath the Jericho Public Library where he discovered a journal by the founder of Jericho, Jericho Stone. It detailed the harsh conditions of the early days of the town and Stone's desperation to save his family. After three missing pages, things miraculously turn around, and the Lights make their first appearance.

Zaya returned from Project Joshua and confronted Daniel with the truth: she is the one responsible for all the recent burning deaths. She pleaded with him to help stop her, even if it meant killing her, because she will only keep killing. After a heated disagreement, Zaya knocked Daniel unconcious and continued with her mission. Daniel was later awakened by Sheriff Banks, who offered to let Daniel in on the truth behind Jericho and the City Council. But before things got too far, they were interrupted by a strange klanging sound. Daniel discovered the sound was emanating from the sewer and went in to investigate.

Meanwhile, Nolee, having undergone strict questioning by the City Council, was being transported with them to an undisclosed location when Zaya appeared, bringing the van to a halt. Helen took Nolee in an attempt to escape while the Council dealt with Zaya. Zaya killed two of them before being shot at point blank range.

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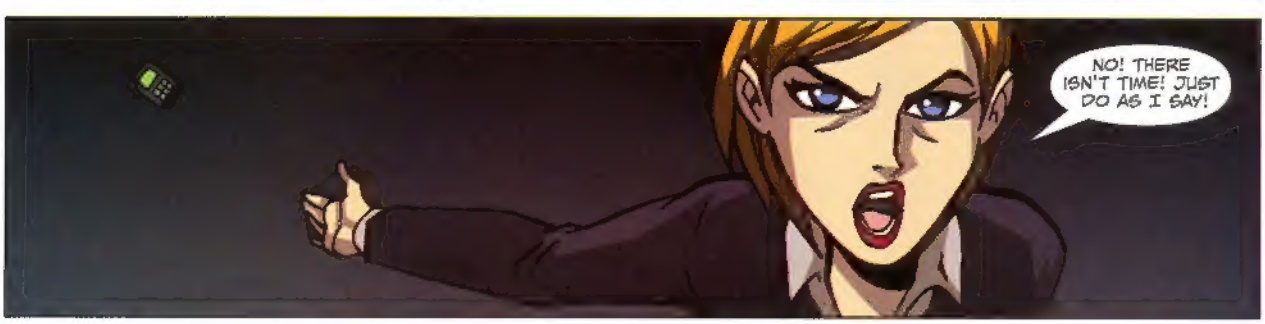
HURRY! UP HERE!
WHAT? INSIDE THE CAVE?

JUST GO!
I'VE GOT MY PHONE. I CAN CALL MY DAD!


NO! THERE ISN'T TIME! JUST DO AS I SAY!

KA-KANG
the visitor motel

KA-KANG
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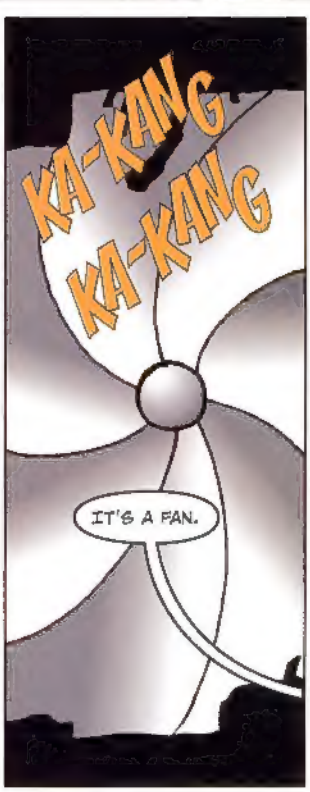
IT'S DEFINITELY COMING FROM BEHIND THIS WALL.
MR. WEBSTER. I CAME TO OFFER MY HELP... AND POSSIBLY THE STORY OF A LIFETIME. AREN'T YOU AT ALL INTERESTED-

HOLD ON. I FOUND A WEAK SPOT.

HOLY CRAP.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IT'S A FAN.

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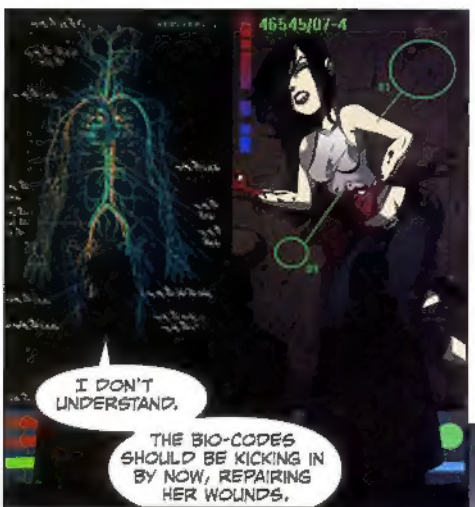
"LIFE SIGNS ARE FADING FAST."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I DON'T UNDERSTAND.
THE BIO-CODES SHOULD BE KICKING IN BY NOW, REPAIRING HER WOUNDS.

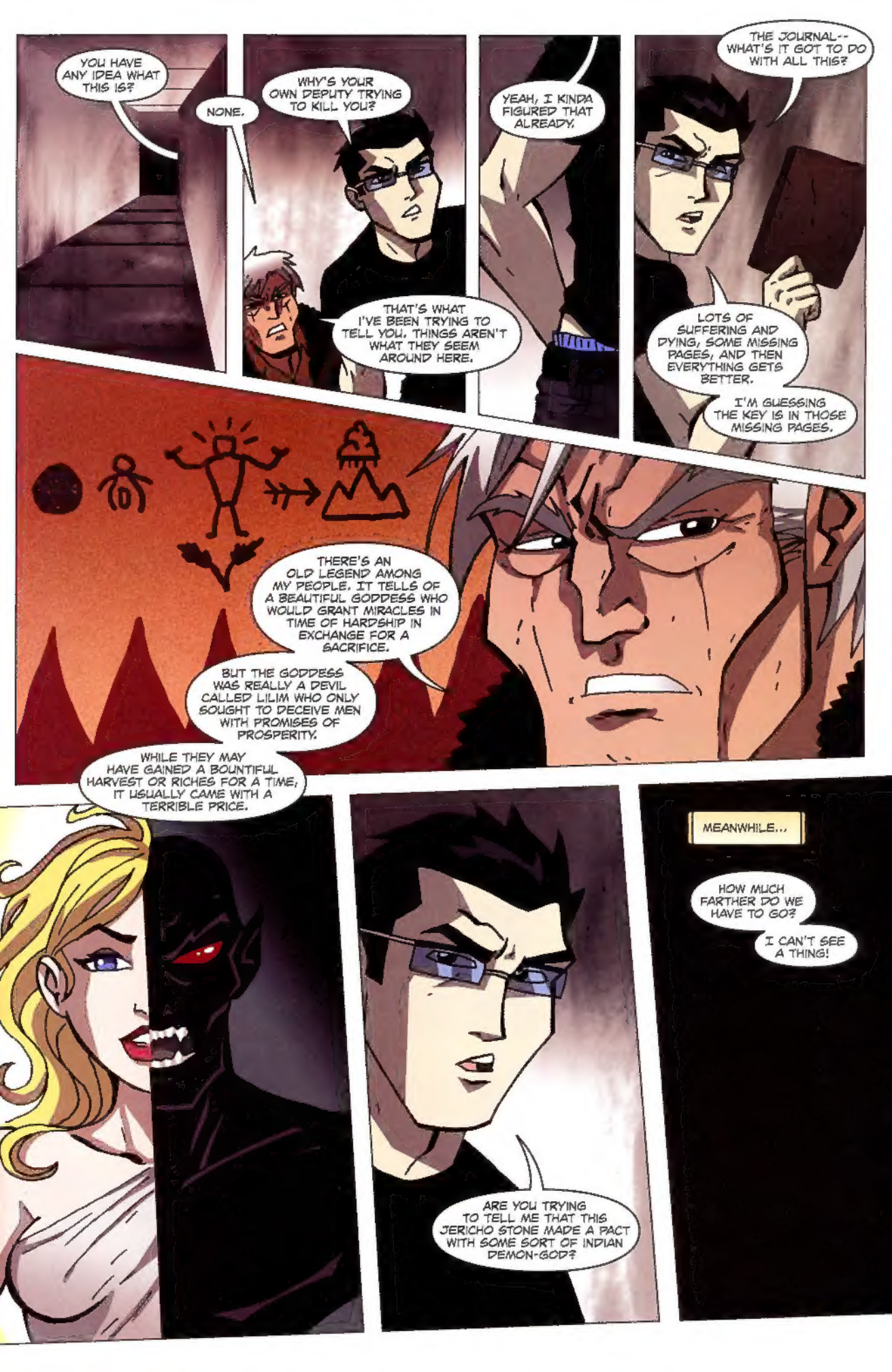
IF WE'VE LEARNED ANYTHING, IT'S THAT THE HARVESTERS' PROGRAMMING IS *ANYTHING* BUT RELIABLE.
DO YOU THINK THEY'LL INTERVENE AGAIN? THE MISSION HAS REACHED THE FINAL PHASE.

SIR! I'M GETTING A READING... LIFE SIGNS ARE STABILIZING. THE BIO-CODES HAVE BEGUN THE REPAIRS!
GOOD GIRL. ALL RIGHT, MEN. I THINK WE KNOW WHERE IT GOES FROM HERE. BEGIN THE EVACUATION.

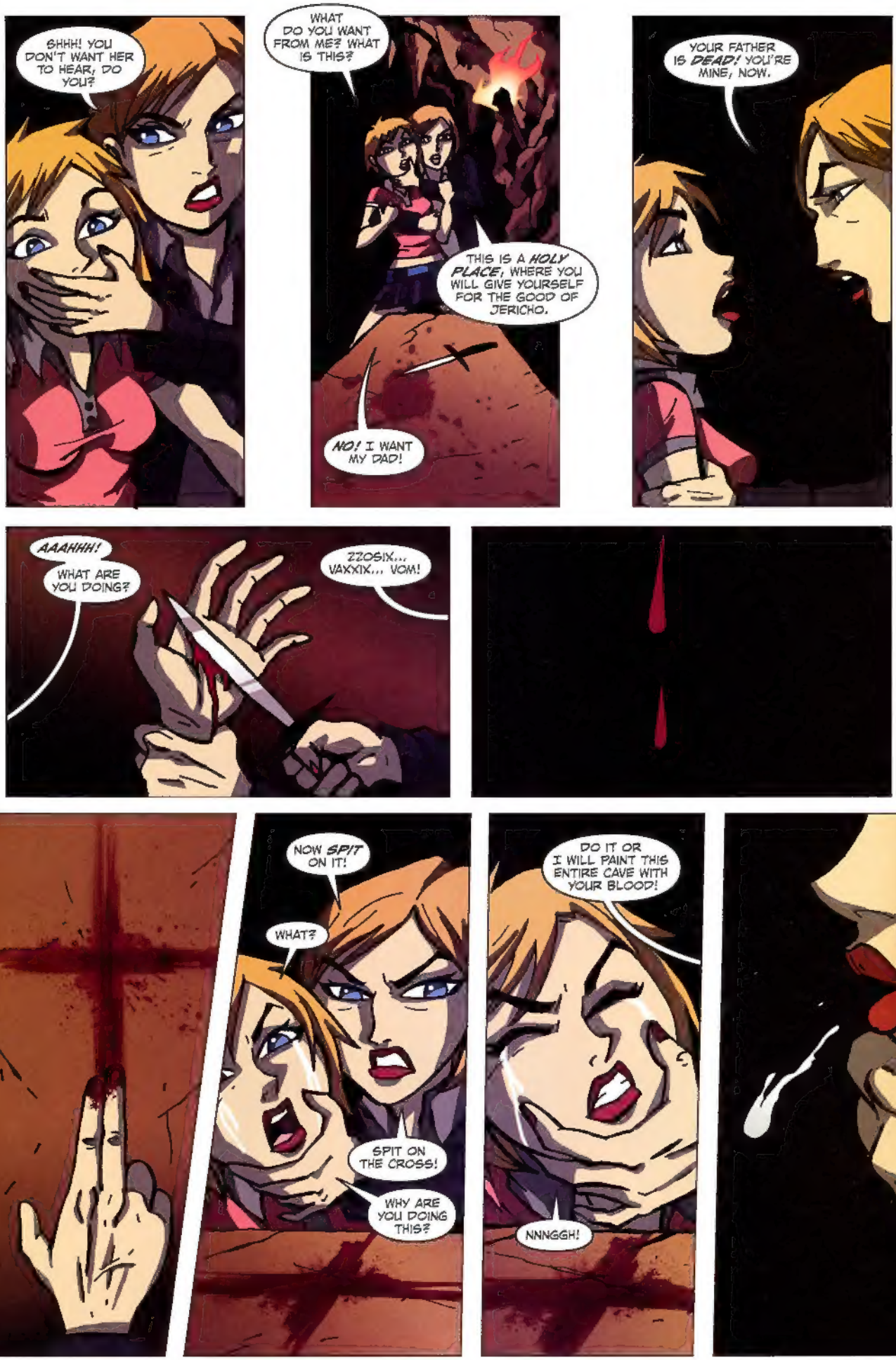
THEY'RE BOTH DEAD.
LET'S GET GOING. HELEN WILL BE WAITING FOR US.

HOLD ON. DID YOU HEAR THAT?
DAMMIT! SHE'S GONE!
HEADS UP, GUYS! SHE CAN'T BE FAR!
BEHIND YOU.
MMMPH!
AIEEEE!
GO! GET BACK TO THE--
AAAAAH!

ALMOST THROUGH...
WHAT IS IT? WHAT'D YOU SEE?
COME SEE FOR YOURSELF.
DAMMIT, SON.
I'M TOO OLD FOR THIS NONSENSE.
C'MON, I GOTCHA.
BLAM!
AAARRHH! HURRY, HURRY! PULL ME UP!
SORRY, BILL! CAN'T HAVE YOU RUNNING OFF ON US.
DAMN YOU, VASQUEZ!
C'MON, BILL. LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS. DON'T MAKE IT HARDER ON ME THAN IT ALREADY IS.
WHIRRRR
WHIRRRRR
HOW BAD IS IT?
PRETTY BAD. BUT COULD BE WORSE. MY BRAINS COULD BE ALL OVER YOUR SHIRT.
NICE.


YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THIS IS?
NONE.
WHY'S YOUR OWN DEPUTY TRYING TO KILL YOU?
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU. THINGS AREN'T WHAT THEY SEEM AROUND HERE.
YEAH, I KINDA FIGURED THAT ALREADY.
THE JOURNAL-- WHAT'S IT GOT TO DO WITH ALL THIS?
LOTS OF SUFFERING AND DYING, SOME MISSING PAGES, AND THEN EVERYTHING GETS BETTER.
I'M GUESSING THE KEY IS IN THOSE MISSING PAGES.
THERE'S AN OLD LEGEND AMONG MY PEOPLE. IT TELLS OF A BEAUTIFUL GODDESS WHO WOULD GRANT MIRACLES IN TIME OF HARDSHIP IN EXCHANGE FOR A SACRIFICE.
BUT THE GODDESS WAS REALLY A DEVIL CALLED LILIM WHO ONLY SOUGHT TO DECEIVE MEN WITH PROMISES OF PROSPERITY.
WHILE THEY MAY HAVE GAINED A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST OR RICHES FOR A TIME, IT USUALLY CAME WITH A TERRIBLE PRICE.
ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME THAT THIS JERICHO STONE MADE A PACT WITH SOME SORT OF INDIAN DEMON-GOD?
MEANWHILE...
HOW MUCH FARTHER DO WE HAVE TO GO?
I CAN'T SEE A THING!

PLEASE, CAN WE STOP? I DON'T THINK SHE'LL FIND US DOWN HERE!
SHUT UP. WE'RE HERE.
AIEEEE!
OH, MY GOD!


SHHH! YOU DON'T WANT HER TO HEAR, DO YOU?
WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM ME? WHAT IS THIS?
THIS IS A HOLY PLACE, WHERE YOU WILL GIVE YOURSELF FOR THE GOOD OF JERICHO.
NO! I WANT MY DAD!
YOUR FATHER IS DEAD! YOU'RE MINE, NOW.
AAAHHH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
ZZOSIX... VAXXIX... VOM!
NOW SPIT ON IT!
WHAT?
SPIT ON THE CROSS!
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
DO IT OR I WILL PAINT THIS ENTIRE CAVE WITH YOUR BLOOD!
NNNGGH!

GOOD...
GOOD...
PLEASE LET ME GO!
PLEASE!
UURRAAAAHHH!

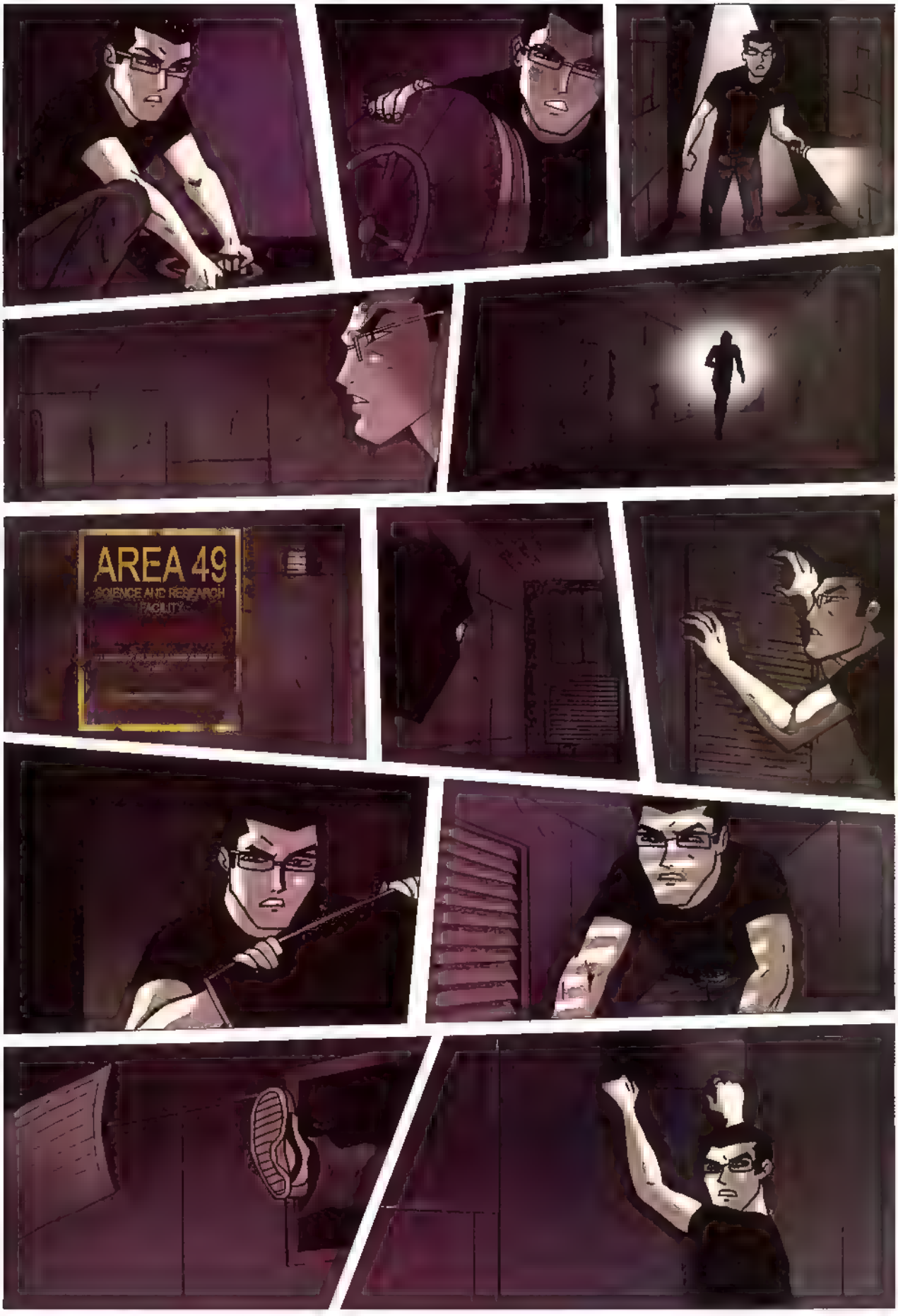
ANY IDEA WHERE THIS GOES?
NONE.
YOU WERE SAYING... ABOUT THE DEMON-GOD?
YES. IN HIS DESPERATION, JERICHO GAVE HIS ONLY DAUGHTER TO THE DEMON AS HIS SACRIFICE.
BUT THE DEVIL TRICKED HIM, AND EVERY YEAR AFTERWARD, THE TOWNSHIP OF JERICHO WAS REQUIRED TO SACRIFICE A DAUGHTER OR THE PLAGUES OF DROUGHT, FAMINE, AND DISEASE WOULD RETURN SEVEN-FOLD.
I'M SORRY, SHERIFF. THIS IS ALL A LITTLE TOUGH FOR ME TO SWALLOW; AND I BELIEVE IN BIGFOOT. YOU'RE SAYING THIS ALL REALLY HAPPENED?
I'M SAYING THAT IT'S STILL HAPPENING. THE SACRIFICES CONTINUE TO THIS DAY. IT'S THE CITY COUNCIL. THEY'RE THE ONES WHO'VE CARRIED ON THE PACT.
WHAT NOW?
AAAHHH!
SHERIFF!
BLAM!
BLAM!
VASQUEZ!

BLAM!
BLAM!
BLAM!
UNH!
....GO TO HELL.
THEY WILL KILL TO PROTECT THEIR SECRET. PLEASE...GET THE TRUTH OUT.
THE TRUTH? EVEN IF EVERYTHING YOU TOLD ME IS TRUE, WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ZAYA... THE LIGHTS?
CAN'T SAY FOR SURE. I'M JUST A MISERABLE DRUNK WHO LET HIMSELF GET CAUGHT UP IN THE MAYOR'S LIES AND B.S. BUT THE COUNCIL FEARS THE LIGHTS.
THE GIRL, ZAYA... SHE WAS SENT BACK FOR A REASON. SHE'S COME TO SET THINGS RIGHT. EVEN IF IT MEANS KILLING US ALL. *COUGH*
SHERIFF! STAY WITH ME! ZAYA'S FATHER... HE WAS CONNECTED TO THE MAYOR, RIGHT?
THOMAS VAHN BETRAYED HER. HE *COUGHS*... HE WAS SUPPOSED TO TURN ZAYA OVER TO THEM. HE TRIED TO RUN AWAY...TO HIDE HER. BUT THEY CAUGHT HIM... KILLED HIM AND HIS WIFE. ZAYA VANISHED...
BUT THEY KNEW SHE WAS TAKEN... BY THE LIGHTS. THEY KNEW IT WAS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL SHE RETURNED...*COUGH* I'M SORRY FOR DRAGGING YOU IN, BEING SO HARD ON YOU, SON.
HELEN HAS A WAY OF... A WAY OF GETTING TO YOU, TWISTING YOUR MIND. SHE'S DAMN EVIL..
SHERIFF? SHERIFF!

RIK!
SLURP!
DEMON!
RAAAHHGG!!!
MY WRATH
REPENT
AMEN

RAAAHHGG!!!
AIEEEE!
SERPENT
WRAITH
KRAK!
YAAAHH.

DAMN YOU! LIAR! DECEIVER! YOU'VE LED THOUSANDS TO THEIR DESTRUCTION, FEEDING OFF THE BLOOD OF THE INNOCENT.
THEY ARE THE ONE'S RESPONSIBLE... THE BLOOD IS ON THEIR HANDS! I WAS JUST GIVING THEM WHAT THEY WANTED!
I AM WRATH
YOU'RE A MONSTER. AND I'M GOING TO MAKE SURE YOU BURN FOR ETERNITY.
GO AHEAD. KILL ME! IT DOESN'T MATTER. THERE WILL BE A HUNDRED MORE TO TAKE MY PLACE. THE CHILDREN OF LILITH ARE MANY!
FIRE
KRUNCH
AIEEEE!
YOU SCREAM JUST LIKE YOUR FATHER. HE CRIED LIKE A BABY AS I ATE HIM AND YOUR MOTHER ALIVE.
GOD DAMN YOU.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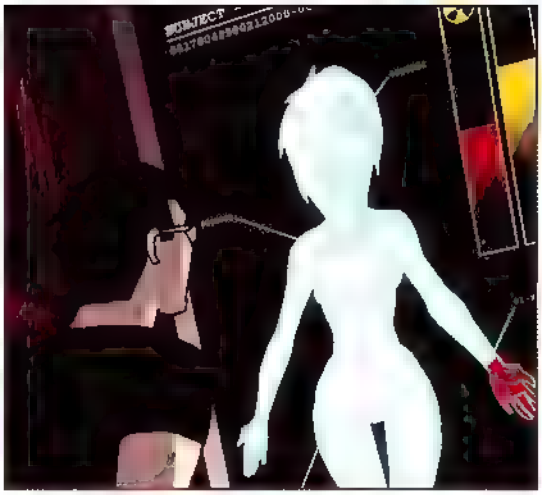

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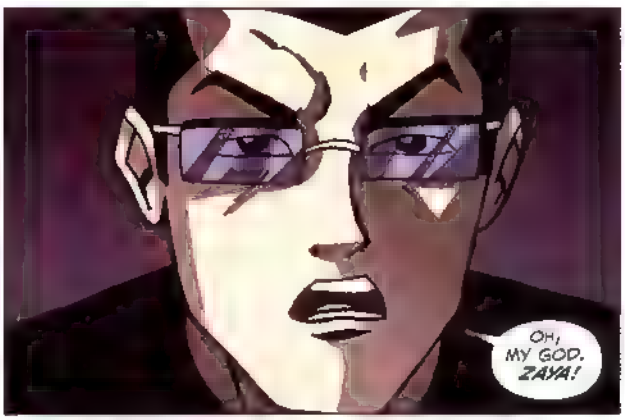
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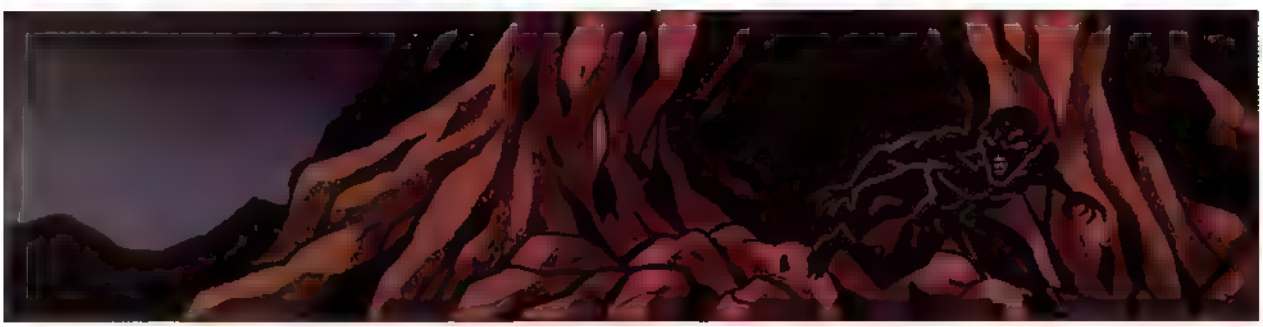

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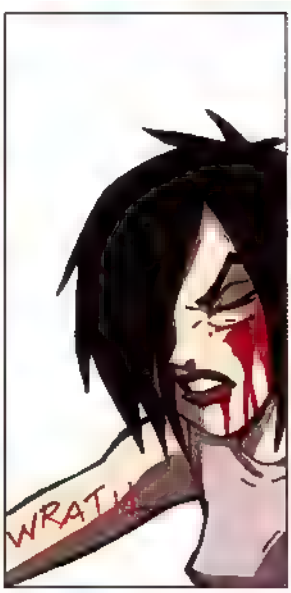
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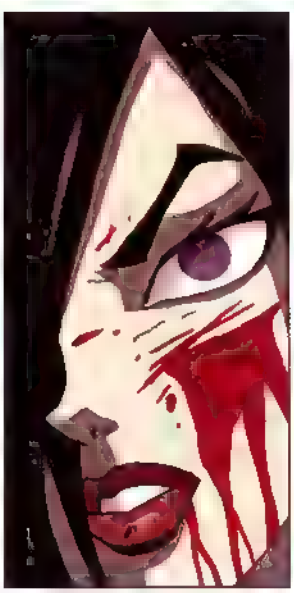

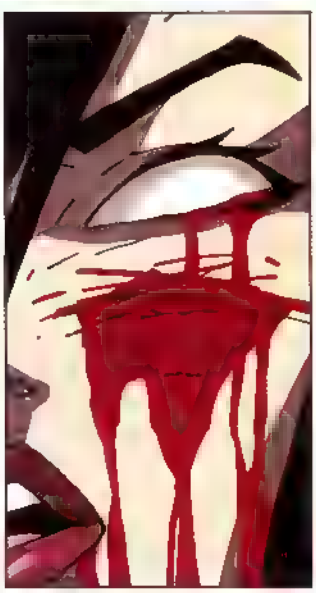

OH, NO...
NO, DAMMIT! STOP!
SOMEBODY STOP THIS!
WARNING!
CRITICAL!
CRITICAL!
DETONATION IMMINENT
OH GOD...
NOOOO!

WHAKOOM
OPERATION COMPLETE
TARGET ELIMINATED

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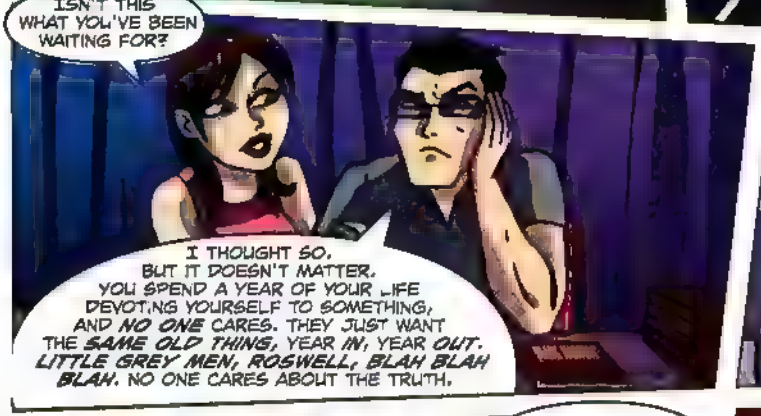
more

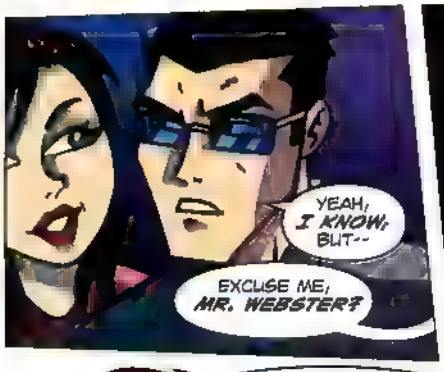
IT IS DONE.
OBJECTIVE COMPLETE.
JUDGMENT HAS BEEN RENDERED.
WHAT OF THE VESSEL...
ZAYA VAHN?
DOWNLOAD DETECTED
AT TIME OF DETONATION.
SOURCE: UNKNOWN...

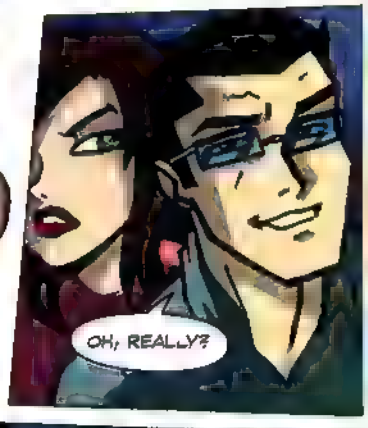
EPILOGUE.

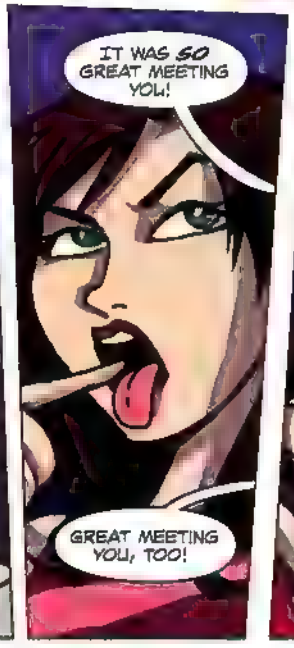
ONE YEAR LATER, DALLAS, TEXAS.

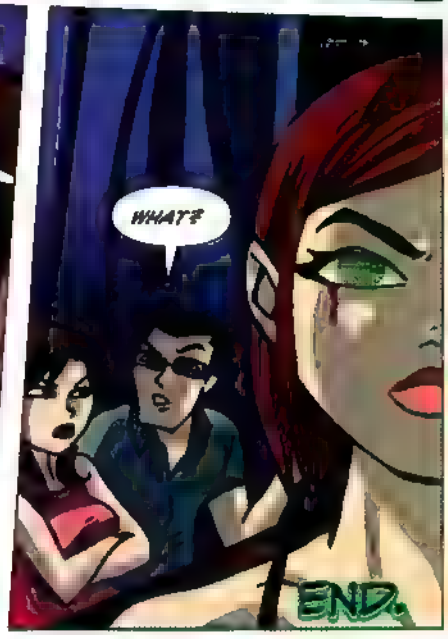

ISN'T THIS WHAT YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR?
I THOUGHT SO. BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER. YOU SPEND A YEAR OF YOUR LIFE DEVOTING YOURSELF TO SOMETHING, AND NO ONE CARES. THEY JUST WANT THE SAME OLD THING, YEAR IN, YEAR OUT. LITTLE GREY MEN, ROSWELL, BLAH BLAH BLAH. NO ONE CARES ABOUT THE TRUTH.

CAN'T YOU EVER SEE THE GOOD IN ANYTHING?
LIKE WHAT?
WELL, FOR ONE, IF IT WASN'T FOR EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED, WE PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE BACK TOGETHER.









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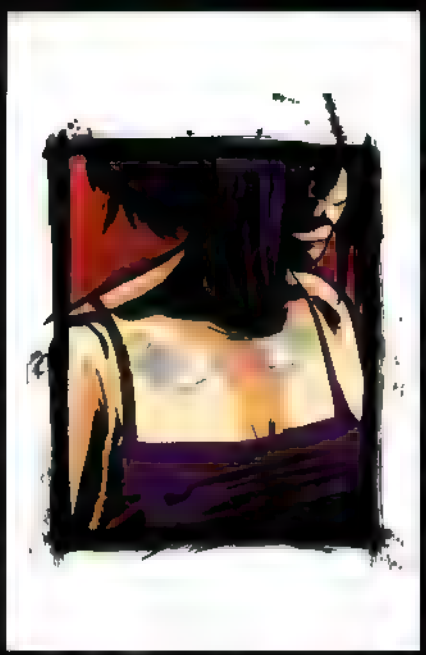

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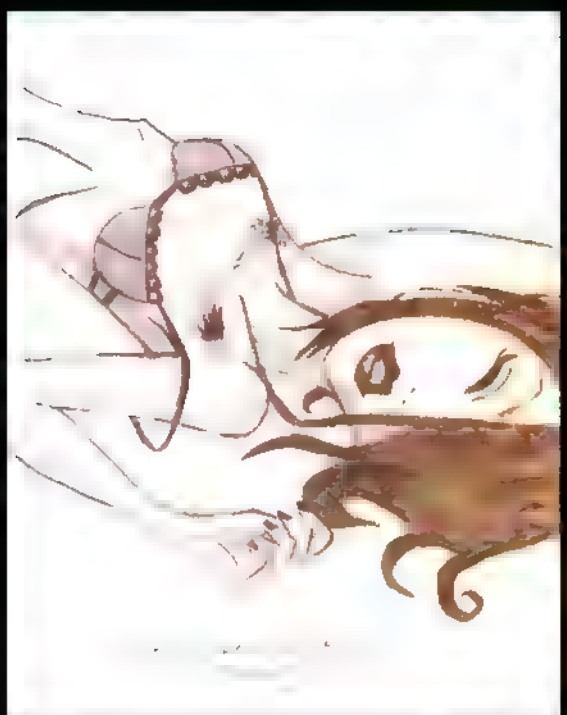

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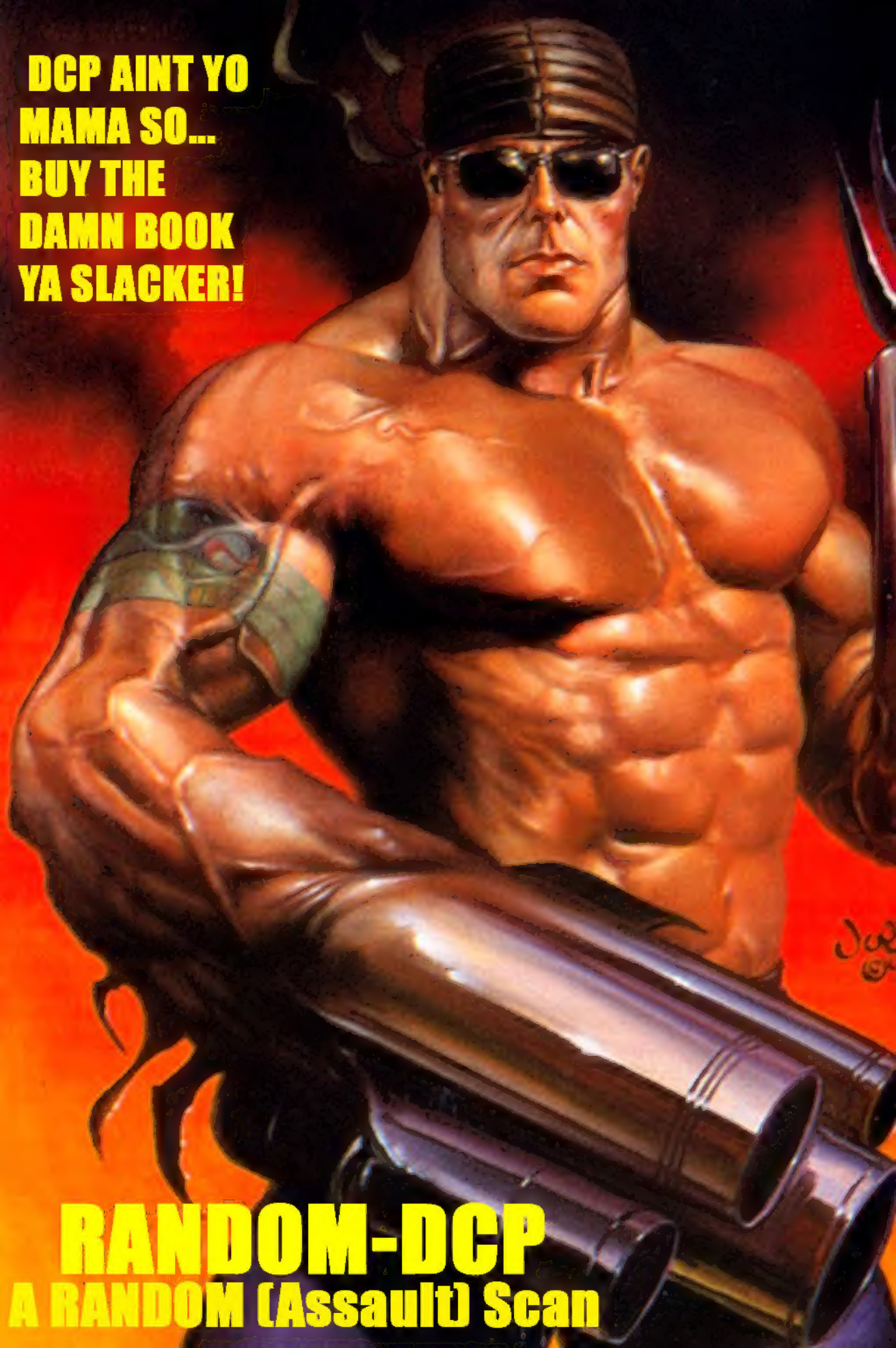
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